

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby state and declare as follows:

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I (we) believe I am (we are) the original, first and X sole or ___ joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention and application entitled: "LOW HUMIDITY UPTAKE SOLID PYROTECHNIC COMPOSITIONS, AND METHODS FOR MAKING THE SAME," the specification of which X is attached hereto, or ___ which was filed on _____, 20__ and assigned Application Serial No. 09/____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of the United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application 60/261,111 filed on January 12, 2001.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint Stephen T. Sullivan, Reg. No. 32,444 and David S. Taylor 39,045, as my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional and continuing prosecution application based upon it, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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